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SUBJECT: OAU SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

1. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM HAS DECLARED IN PARLIAMENT THAT GOM CONTINUES TO BE OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THAT GOM WILL ALSO APPLY MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE OAU AND UN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

2. COMMENT: WITH 9.17 PER CENT OF ITS IMPORTS AND 19 PER CENT OF ITS TOURISTS COMING FROM SOUTH AFRICA IT IS UNLIKELY THAT MAURITIUS WILL DO MORE THAN GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO A BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA. ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS THAT WOULD RESULT FROM A GENUINE BOYCOTT WOULD BE SEVERE AND GOM WOULD ALSO HAVE TO CONTEND WITH LARGE NUMBER OF WHITE MAURITIANS WHO HAVE RELATIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA WHO WOULD BE UNABLE TO VISIT WITHOUT THE PRESENT DIRECT AIR SERVICE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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